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THE NEW HYMN BOOK.

We have received, and are receiving, numerous inquiries concerning the forthcoming hymn book for the Brethren church. To answer these inquiries by letter would require more time than we now have at command. We will therefore give the required information through the paper.

Up to date we have received several hundred hymns with music, a fair proportion of both hymns and music being original. To gather the material for the completion of a good sized book would not, therefore, require much more time. There are, however, two other things which must be considered, and these require time and labor and money. First, all hymns must be submitted to competent judges for examination as to their sentiment and their adaptability to Brethren churches. The music, too, must pass through the hands of persons who are authority on the subject, and whose judgment the church is willing to accept. Second, after this is done, then comes the question of finance, which is a very important matter to consider. To make up the book without having at least some idea of the extent of its sales, would be unwise as well as running a great risk. In a short time we will be able to announce the price of the book, both word and music editions. We will then send blank subscription sheets to all our churches and schools, with an outline of the contents of the book, and request them to give an *approximate* idea of the number of books wanted, *in case the book is satisfactory in every particular*. If you *must* have song books at once, we can furnish you Gospel Hymns at 5 cents each, which can be used in church and school, for at least a while.

How about those 1,000 new subscribers? Do not forget that we give as a premium with each new subscriber the *Beacon Light*, a bright magazine for every home. It is understood that this means cash subscriptions—90 cents for new, and \$1.10 for renewals. This offer is good for the month of April.

ENLARGING OUR BORDERS.

We are pleased to note that the Brethren church is reaching out and so decidedly enlarging its borders. During the winter months, our brethren, with the Gospel of Christ, as the sword of the spirit, have "crossed over," and conquered new fields for the Master. The work at Marion, Ind., by J. M. Rittgers, reported some time ago, at Garrette City, Ind., by J. H. Palmer, at McVeytown, Pa., by J. B. Wampler, the prospects at Ebensburg, Pa., as reported by J. F. Koontz, with a number of others,—these are victories for the advocates of Gospel-alone principles, for which we have every reason to feel encouraged. The work in Philadelphia and Pittsburg, is moving grandly along, while our churches in the country and villages, have been very substantially strengthened in numbers and practical work for the Master.

The most encouraging feature, however, is the organization of churches in new fields, where heretofore the Brethren and their doctrine have been comparatively unknown. The world is starving for the pure and unadulterated Gospel of Jesus—the Gospel as it came from God, through Christ, without any additions or subtractions by fallible men. Brethren, let us not fear to launch out boldly to declare this Gospel to the starving multitude. Every district mission board should be fully awake to its present duty and responsibility, and let the churches everywhere give substantial support to this effort to enlarge the borders of Zion. Each Conference district should keep an Evangelist busy in the field, preaching the Gospel of Jesus to those who have never heard it in its fulness, and organize new churches. We wish to emphasize the fact that a "great and effectual door," is open to us, and the question is shall we enter in? There never was a time in the history of our church when our duty to the missionary enterprise was more imperative and pressing and when our responsibility as a church was greater. Shall we respond to the call from "Macedonia" for help, fulfil our duty, and meet the responsibilities now upon us? Awake, thou that sleepest, arise, the time is at hand, arouse from thy slumbering indifference, and march forth to duty and victory.

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Personal Mention.

Brother J. F. Koontz reports another accession at Conemaugh, Pa.

Brother W. S. Spanogle reports large congregations at Altoona, Pa.

Brother Wm. W. Summers is still in the field busy at work for the Master.

Brother E. B. Shaver has been called to the pastorate, vacated by Brother Mackey.

Brother S. J. Harrison closed a good meeting at Goshen, Ind., with one accession.

Brother W. H. Miller filled the appointments at Ankenytown and North Liberty, March 24.

Brother J. C. Mackey preached his farewell sermon at Hagerstown, Md., March 24. He begins work at Meyersdale, Pa., April 1.

A brother at Elkhart, Ind., says he missed his EVANGELIST and doesn't know how to keep house without it. We wish there were 3000 others who would think as he does.

Brother J. Allen Miller left for Pittsburg, Pa., on Thursday morning, where he will conduct public and private communion services, and preach for the Brethren over Sabbath.

Brother J. H. Palmer reports a good meeting in progress at Garrett City, Ind. Twelve accessions, with good prospects for another Brethren organization in the near future.

Through brother Edgar Thomas, we learn of a very pleasant communion service held at Twelve Mile, Ind. He says their church has been designated as a bee hive. You can well afford to be called by this name, brother.

The work at Aleppo, Pa., under the care of Brother Murray, is moving grandly along. One more added since last report, and at Quiet Dell seven accessions are reported. At the latter place Brother Wise assisted in the services.

The brethren and sisters at Cornell, Ill., are doing their work in a systematic way, and the result is, they prosper, even without regular preaching service. We note too, that out of six officers elected, *four* are sisters, including the regular correspondent from that place—Isabella Mast.

This brief note from W. B. Trowbridge is very encouraging. "On Sunday, March 17, at Williamstown, O., after regular service by A. J. Baughman, *fourteen* came out and confessed Christ; also after evening services three more came out and made the good confession, seventeen in all, making a membership of 108 in the church. May the good work still go on until many more souls are saved."